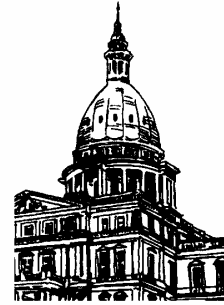


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## **CLARK-COLEMAN MAKES HOME STAND FOR VETERANS AND SERVICEPERSONS**

### *Introduces Bill to Increase Access to Homestead Tax Break*

LANSING – In a move that honors the sacrifice and bravery of our veterans and service people, Sen. Irma Clark-Coleman (D-Detroit) introduced a bill (SB 1020) that increases the homestead tax allowable income.

Under the proposal, veterans and servicepersons can earn up to \$15,000 a year and still qualify for a tax break. Current law limits income to \$7,500 per year.

“Our veterans have fought hard and have sacrificed much for us to maintain our Democracy,” Sen. Clark-Coleman said. “We must not limit their access to the American dream of owning and maintaining a home.”

Both Democrats and Republicans supported the measure that has been referred to the Senate Finance Committee chaired by Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Nov). A hearing on the bill has not yet been scheduled.

Veterans and service people will still qualify for the tax break under current provisions. All eligible veterans, service people, widows, and widowers, as well as those receiving pensions and/or disability payments must adhere to the current requirement schedule.

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*State Sen. Irma Clark-Coleman represents the 3<sup>rd</sup> Senate District. She sits on the Banking & Financial Institutions, Education, Families & Human Services, and Senior Citizens & Veterans Affairs committees.*